

9. (Amended) A pad for a tree shaking apparatus comprising:
a resilient polymeric web adapted to wrap around a portion of a tree
trunk, and

C 5 a pair of parallel end sections attached to opposite ends of said web, each
of said end sections defining a bore extending longitudinally therethrough[, and
adapted to receive] for receiving a mounting member[s] of the tree shaking
apparatus; and

a pair of apertures approximately parallel and adjacent to the bore of each
of said end section extending at least part way through said pad.

¶4. Please add claims 10 through 15 as follows:

10. (New) A pad for a tree shaking apparatus comprising:
a resilient polymeric web adapted to wrap around a portion of a tree
trunk when operating the tree shaking apparatus, said web defining a first
surface to contact a tree and an opposing surface, said opposing surface being
C 5 generally concave when at rest; and

a pair of parallel end sections each defining a bore extending
longitudinally therethrough for receiving a mounting member of the tree
shaking apparatus.

11. (New) The pad for a tree shaking apparatus of claim 10
wherein said first surface is generally planar.

12. (New) The pad for a tree shaking apparatus of claim 10 wherein said first surface is less concave than said opposing surface.

13. (New) The pad for a tree shaking apparatus of claim 10 wherein said pad is formed in a single piece.

14. (New) The pad for a tree shaking apparatus of claim 13 wherein said pad is formed from polyurethane or polyethylene.

15. (New) The pad for a tree shaking apparatus of claim 13 further comprising an aperture approximately parallel to said bores through said pad in a transition area between said web and said end section.

¶5. Support for claim 10-12 may be found in the specification at page 3, lines 23-28 and Figure 1. Support for claim 13 is in Figure 1, and for claim 14 in originally filed claims 3-4 as well as the specification, page 3, lines 20-22. Support for claim 15 may be found in the specification, page 2, lines 31-32; and page 4, lines 1-3. Applicant believes no new matter is added by way of these claim additions.

REMARKS

¶6. Claims 2-6, 8 and 9 are pending in the above-referenced application, in addition to newly added claims 10-16 above. All prior claims stand rejected by the Office Action dated 8/13/01. All citations below to page and line numbers of